

Attachment 3. Status of GWMP

Lassen County developed a Groundwater Management Plan (GWMP) that was formally adopted by the Board of Supervisors on March 13, 2007. This minute order showing adoption is included in Appendix A.

Lassen County's GWMP is in compliance with Water Code Section 10753 et seq. In addition, the plan was prepared consistent with the other provisions of Water Code Section 10753. This includes consideration of the optional plan components listed in Water Code Section 10753.8 (as amended on January 1, 2003). Finally, the plan incorporates the recommended components included in DWR's 2003 update to Bulletin 118.

Appendix A.
Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes Showing
Adoption of Lassen GWMP

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LASSEN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Date: March 13, 2007

Meeting: Regular (X)
Special ()

Present:

Supervisor, District 1 – Robert Pyle
Supervisor, District 2 – Jim Chapman
Supervisor, District 3 - Lloyd Keefer
Supervisor, District 4 - Brian Dahle *
Supervisor, District 5 - Jack Hanson
(* Denotes Chairman)

County Counsel Craig Settlemyre

Deputy Clerk of the Board Susan Osgood

County Administrative Officer John Ketelsen

PROCEEDINGS:

PUBLIC HEARING – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

The public hearing for Lassen County Groundwater Management Plan is opened at 10:45 a.m.

Farm Advisor David Lile presents historical information on the Groundwater Management Plan. Brown and Caldwell Consultant Bob Vince presents information from a power point presentation. A report from the City is submitted for the record.

COMMENTS IN FAVOR

Baxter Creek resident Phil Nemir states this plan is a great start; there is a lot of great information. This issue will become more important down the line. He is concerned about the declining groundwater trends in Herlong and would like to know how that would be addressed. The plan has no enforcement teeth. He feels there may be problems with the Honey Lake Groundwater District that should be modified as needed. States having the committee continue is good, but if they have no ability to enforce anything or try to address the issues seriously, asks what are we left with?

Adin resident Dale Albaugh states he has not studied the groundwater plan but feels adopting it is a good start. They are already starting on a groundwater plan in Big Valley, monitoring 83 wells and getting an historical line. He would like to have all water districts in Lassen County kept informed.

Honey Lake Valley rancher and member of the Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District (RCD) Tim Garrod requests the Board move forward on the plan. States this is not a finished product; need to find out more about resource in order to manage it. This is a closed basin without any options to get more water, so it needs to be managed well. He urges adoption of the plan.

Vice-Chairman Hanson thanks the working group and everyone who participated in the meetings.

Lassen County Farm Bureau member Luke Garrod explains comments previously written to the Board. The Farm Bureau understands the plan is a broad and open plan and details of management are unknown. Comments were meant to give a little direction in form to the plan so there is a foresight of what the outcomes of the districts will be.

The public hearing is closed at 11:04 a.m.

Supervisor Pyle states that the Farm Bureau amendments were very good.

Supervisor Keefer states the Farm Bureau and City comments need to be looked at a later time; agrees that more needs to be known about resources through monitoring data; grants need to be aggressively pursued. Need to monitor residential wells along the escarpment from Susanville to Hallelujah Junction. He is in support of the plan.

Supervisor Chapman states the amendments suggested by the Farm Bureau are mostly minor. Is pleased with the plan and feels it is one of the best products by consultants he's seen in 30 years.

It is moved by Supervisor Chapman and seconded by Supervisor Pyle to adopt the plan. Supervisor Hanson suggests allowing for some small editorial adjustments to respond to the comments that have been received. The motion is carried unanimously on roll call vote with Supervisor Dahle absent.

County of Lassen County)
State of California) ss.

I, JULIE BUSTAMANTE, County Clerk of the County of Lassen, State of California, and ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors thereof, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of the minute order of said Board of Supervisors on above date.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the Official Seal of the said Board of Supervisors this 3rd day of December, 2007.

By Susan Osgood
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors,
County of Lassen, State of California